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## Municipal Winter Parking Ban

The municipal overnight winter parking ban will be in effect again this winter season until March 31, 2018.

As in previous seasons, the ban will be enforced between 1 a.m. and 6 a.m., during declared weather events and extended clearing operations only. Residents are encouraged to plan ahead when snow is in the forecast and secure off-street parking for when the overnight parking ban is enforced.

When and where you park this winter can have a big impact on snow clearing. To help ensure the streets are properly cleared, the municipality has stepped up its winter parking enforcement in areas around hospitals and schools, bus routes and problem streets for snow equipment and emergency vehicles.

Officers will be ticketing vehicles obstructing sidewalk clearing. Vehicles hanging out of a driveway or parked on the sidewalk are prone to damage and become a dangerous obstacle for crews. Such obstacles prevent crews from clearing the sidewalks properly, which can quickly become an accessibility issue for pedestrians, including seniors, people with mobility issues and parents pushing strollers.

Important reminder to all property owners: *Never clear snow from your property onto the street or sidewalk.* Property owners must ensure the snow they clear is piled on their own property. It is against [By-Law S-300](#) to throw or pile snow in the street or on the sidewalk. This is a serious problem that can cause safety issues for pedestrians and other users as it complicates clearing for crews. The municipality has [enhanced enforcement](#) in place to address non-compliance with the By-Law.

The easiest way to stay informed about the status of overnight winter parking bans is to register for automated notifications by [signing up online](#), emailing [contact@halifax.ca](mailto:contact@halifax.ca) or calling 311. Subscribers will receive timely alerts by phone, email, and/or text message when the ban is in effect and again when it is lifted. Residents who received these notifications last winter will continue to receive the service this year.

Weather conditions and snow clearing operations will determine how long an overnight parking ban will be enforced, as it may extend for more than one night. In addition to automated notifications, the municipality will issue public service announcements to alert residents and business owners when the ban will be enforced and when it has been lifted. Timely information will also be posted online at [www.halifax.ca/snow](http://www.halifax.ca/snow) and via the



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municipality's primary Twitter account, [@hfxgov](#). Residents can also call 311 at any time for up-to-date information.



The municipality wants to remind residents that Section 139 of the [Nova Scotia Motor Vehicle Act](#) also requires that people remove their

vehicles from the streets, day or night, in the event of a weather event or ongoing clearing operations. Vehicles obstructing snow removal or winter maintenance operations can be removed at the owner's cost, regardless of the time or date.

To help avoid a ticket, and the hassle and costs of being towed, residents should ask themselves these four questions when considering parking on the street this winter:

- Is the overnight parking ban currently being enforced?
- Is your car causing a safety issue?
- Is it making the road impassable?
- Is it impeding snow operations underway in the area?

If the answer to any of these questions is yes, do not park on the street. The municipality doesn't want to ticket or tow — the objective is to keep vehicles off the streets to facilitate efficient and safe clearing. This, in turn, ensures emergency vehicles, buses and other traffic have proper access.

Think before you park this winter — it will help make the season a little easier on everyone.

For more information on municipal winter operations, please visit [www.halifax.ca/snow](http://www.halifax.ca/snow).

# MOBILE FOOD MARKET

The Mobile Food Market is starting up again this Saturday. For dates and locations, visit their website at <http://www.mobilefoodmarket.ca/>

## Emera Oval Now Open for the Winter Season



The Emera Oval is the largest artificial ice surface east of Quebec – approximately 55,000 square feet of ice or the same as three NHL hockey rinks. The ice surface will be open for free daily public skates throughout the winter, weather permitting, and will once again offer free skating lessons for people of all ages. As in previous years, visitors can use their own equipment or rent skates and helmets for free with a valid government-issued photo ID. Children 12 and under are required to wear a CSA-approved multi-impact helmet at all times on the ice. Others are encouraged to do the same, for their own safety. Get the latest information and a schedule of events at <https://www.halifax.ca/recreation/facilities-fields/emera-oval>.

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### Municipal Budget 2018



Each year the municipal budget is presented to, debated, and approved by Regional Council. The municipal budget determines spending priorities and service delivery for residents.

You can watch or listen to all of the budget presentations to Regional Council starting in January, 2018. Use the tool to simulate spending the municipal budget. Use this tool to have your say and tell us your municipal spending priorities.

To find out more information, including the schedule for the budget presentations and where your tax dollars are spent visit

<https://www.shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/hfxtax2018>

### Be Prepared for an Emergency



Follow our home emergency preparedness checklist to make sure you are ready for an emergency by visiting <https://www.halifax.ca/fire-police/fire/emergency-preparedness-checklists>

Halifax Regional Police reminds citizens of when and when not to call 911. Severe weather can cause property damage, downed trees and power lines. If there is a public or personal safety risk or blockage of a main artery call 911. Please don't call the Integrated Emergency Services (police/fire/911 call centre) to report weather related damage to private property unless there is a public or personal safety risk or a blockage of a main artery.

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